SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will you debar them? (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR: We cannot debar them from bidding for the shares.

SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: I would like to know whether they will consider—buying of shares by a rival group of hotels to be harmful. This is the first thing that I would like to know.

SHRIMATI SUKHBANS KAUR: I do not think it is harmful.

Second Channel of Doordarshan in Orissa

*663. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:† SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a second channel of Doordarshan in Orissa;

(b) if so, the place identified for the second channel; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir. However, a high power transmitter at Cuttack and the low power transmitter (LPT) at Bhubaneshwar, the State capital of Orissa, at present, are relaying DD II channel service by terrestrial mode, and a proposal is under consideration for setting up of an LPT at Sambalpur for extending DD-II channel. However, Doordarshan's channel II (Metro) is available through satellite transmission throughout the country/ State by using an appropriate dish antenna.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: I would like to know whether the hon. Minister is aware that many parts of Orissa are not yet covered by the Regional Transmission or by DD-I. What is the remedy that is being considered by the Government in this regard?

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Madam, at the moment, 81.4 per cent of Orissa is covered terrestrially and, as I said, through the Satellite mode the whole of the State. We will be taking up many projects to see that it reaches 89 per cent by the end of the Plan period.

SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: By what time will it be actually covered cent per cent?

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Not during the Eighth Plan.

श्री भगवान माझी : मैडम उड़ीसा स्टेट जो बैकवर्ड स्टेट है और उसके जो ट्रायबल डिस्ट्रिक्ट्स हैं जैसे नवरंगपुर नवांपड़ा, मलकानगिरी रायगढ़ा आदि ऐसे जो जिले हैं और वहीं के हम लोग हैं आज तक भी टी०वी० प्रसारण की सुविधा उस एरिया में उपलब्ध नहीं है। डी०डी०-I में जो प्रचार होता है जो जानकारी का खजाना है उसे उस इलाके में पहुंचाने के लिए सरकार का क्या क्या विचार है और उस इलाके में एल० पी०टी० स्टेशन बनाने के लिए मलकानगिरी, गुंटूर और नवांपड़ा, बलगूड़ा इन सब जगहों पर एल०पी०टी० स्टेशन बनाने के लिए सरकार का क्या विचार है यह मैं जानना चाहता हूं।

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: As far as Guntur District is concerned, there is already an LPT there. But, the other places will be coming up in due course and only after the Finance Bill is passed, then we will be taking up a lot many projects. As far as the tribal and the backward areas are concerned, that is our topmost priority

SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Madam, Jagannath Puri is well-known all over the country and abroad for its Rathyatra of Lord Jagannath Krishna and Subadhra. Apart from its religious importance, it is equally known for its rich heritage, culture and tourism.

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Rahasbihari Barik.

Looking to this, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Government has any proposal for extension of the DD Channels to cover Jagganath Puri and nearby areas like Konarak, etc.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Not at present, Madam.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: I want to know from the Minister whether any proposal from the State of Orissa and from the State of Karnataka is pending in his Ministry for a second channel of DD. And my second part is that in "Pioneer" it has been reported on 17-4-95 about 24-hour DD channel. Has the Government any such proposal to have the DD channel day and night? I want to know this from the Minister.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: There is no such proposal for DD-II channel. There is only one national channel, that is, DD-I which is terrestrial but DD-II is partly terrestrial and partly satellite. For coverage through terrestrial mode, we will first go to State capitals of which we have already done about 27 including those of the Union Territories. Hydrabad and Bangalore will be upgraded and there are 12 more important places including State capitals like Panaji, Shillong, Port Blair, Kohima, Pondicherry, Imphal, Agartala; other than that, Kanpur, Nagpur, Cochin, Calicut and Murshidabad.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: My second supplementary, Madam, is about 24-hour channel.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Now we have 11½ hours, 24 hours we will try to reach.

उपसभापति : धीरे-धीरे बढ़ा रहे हैं श्री मोहम्मद सलीम।

श्री मोहम्मद सलीम : मैडम, दूरदर्शन के सेकंड चैनल के बारे में जब हमारे मंत्री महोदय या सरकार ने पहले सोचा था तो उसके पीछे यह फिलासफी थी कि हमारे देश में जो कल्चर की डायवर्सिटी है इसके लिए एक नेशनल नैटवर्क हो और दूसरी तरफ स्टेट्स की जो रीजनल लेंग्वेजेज और कल्चर हैं उनकी तरफ तवज्जो दी जाएगी, लेकिन बाद में पिछले 4-5 साल से सरकार का नजरिया और फिलासफी बदल गयी है। वह कामर्सियल बेनेफिट की तरफ ज्यादा झुक गया है। मैडम अभी सैकेण्ड चैनल के बाहर के एम०टी०वी० वाले जो कार्यक्रम हैं उनमें कामर्शियली एक्सप्लाइटेशन के लिए "स्लाट" बेचे जा रहे हैं। तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह पूछना चाहूंगा कि जैसे आप अभी उड़ीसा में सैकेण्ड चैनल की बात कर रहे हैं उसमें हम सारा इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर बना देंगे और बाद में जो साफ्टवेयर कार्यक्रम होगा उसमें सिर्फ पैसा कमाने के लिए उसे बाहर से लाकर दे दें तो इस से हमारे देश की जो संस्कृति और परम्परा है, खास तौर पर जो रीजनल लेंग्वेजेज और कल्चर है वह ध्वस्त हो रहा है। आप अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय कल्चर ला रहे हैं। फिर हफ्ते में 35 पिक्चर्स दिखाने के लिए "मूवी क्लब" का चैनल खोल रहे हैं तो क्या आप यह तवज्जो देंगे इस सैकेण्ड चैनल के बारे में सैकेण्ड चैनल से मेरा मतलब यह नहीं है कि चैनल-2 ही करें, कोई भी एक चैनल हो जिस पर कि कामर्स और संस्कृति दोनों पर एक साथ सोचें सिर्फ कामर्स पर ही न सोचें?

دکھانے کیلئے "مودی کلب" کا چینل کلب
کھول رہے ہیں تو کیا آپ یہ توجہ دینگے
اس سیکنڈ چینل کے بارے میں۔ سیکنڈ
چینل سے میرا مطلب یہ نہیں ہے کہ چینل
دو ہی کریں۔ کوئی بھی ایک چینل ہو
جسپر کہ کامرس اور سنسکرتی دونوں پر
ایک ساتھ سوچیں صرف کامرس پر
ہی نہ سوچیں۔]

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: A very good suggestion, Madam, which bears consideration. DD II, I must say, Madam, is an entertainment channel. And DD I is the public broadcasting channel. We have the channel management of DD I where development, health, environment, everything, are shown on DD I. But on DD II, being an entertainment channel, sponsored programmes, commissioned programmes as well as those produced in the Central Production Centre of DD are shown there. Therefore, we are very mindful of the fact that there are attempts at cultural invasion and the Regional Channels which are prevalent in 17 channels are showing regional programmes which are not on DD II; I must make that subtle difference.

664. [The Questions (Shri Aas Mohammad and Shri Sanjay Dalmia) were absent For answer, vide column.....infra).

665. [The Questioner (Shri Mohammad Afzal alias Meem Afzal) was absent. For answer, vide column.... infra].

Television Serials on Metro Channel

*666. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of first three most popular TV serials on DD Metro Channel 2, during the first four months of this year

Transliteration in Arabic Script.